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Ageing in Australia

AGEING IN AUSTRALIA

Census of Population and Housing: Ageing in Australia, 2001 (cat. no. 2048.0) is a new publication due for release in June 2003. It focuses on a range of characteristics of persons aged 65 years and over, as well as exploring the ageing process in Australia, by using Census data to examine trends over time. In addition, the first issue of a new quarterly ABS newsletter called **Age Matters**, was released in December 2002. For more information contact Dave Martyn on (07) 3222 6206, email: david.martyn@abs.gov.au or visit the ABS web site.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People

ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLE

Population Characteristics, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 2001 (cat. no. 4713.0) is due for release in April 2003. Census data is presented for the following topics: demographic and geographic distribution of the population and its growth in recent years; education and IT use; work; income; housing and transport; living arrangements; and language and religion. For more information contact Andrew Webster on (02) 6252 5583, email: andrew.webster@abs.gov.au.

General Social Survey

GENERAL SOCIAL SURVEY

General Social Survey, Australia, 2002 (cat.no. 4159.0) is due for release in May 2003. The General Social Survey (GSS) is the first of its type conducted by the ABS. Rather than concentrating in detail on a particular area of social concern, the GSS publication provides a wide range of social information about individuals, making it possible to explore linkages between areas of social concern. Topics include: health; housing; education; work; income; financial stress; assets and liabilities; family and community; transport; and crime. For more information contact Graeme Groves on

(02) 6252 5943, email: graeme.groves@abs.gov.au.

NSW Year Book 2003

NSW YEAR BOOK 2003

New South Wales Year Book, 2003 (cat. no. 1300.1) is due for release in May 2003. It provides a comprehensive statistical overview of the prevailing economic and social conditions in NSW in 2002. For further information on NSW Year Book, 2003 contact Cameron Sach on (02) 9268 4376, email: c.sach@abs.gov.au. In addition, Year Book Australia, 2003 (cat. no. 1301.0) was released in January 2003, and is available in hardcopy or on CD-ROM.

Domestic Water Use in NSW

DOMESTIC WATER USE IN NSW

Domestic Water Use, New South Wales, October 2002 (cat. no. 4616.1) is a new publication due for release in April 2003. It contains data on water using appliances within households in NSW, including: use of washing machines and dishwashers; number of households with swimming pools and fixed watering systems; and use of garden mulch. For more information contact Erin Stephenson on (02) 9268 4183, email: erin.stephenson@abs.gov.au.

Environment

ENVIRONMENT

Environment by Numbers: Selected Articles on Australia's Environment, 2003 (cat. no. 4617.0) was released in February 2003. This new publication is a collection of articles on the environment featured in Year Book Australia, 2003. Topics include: climate change; Australia's rivers; renewable energy; forest conservation; use of forest products in construction; and the impacts of agriculture, fishing, mining, manufacturing, transport and construction on the environment. For more information contact Beth Edwards on (02) 6252 5553, email: beth.edwards@abs.gov.au.

Salinity on Farms

SALINITY ON FARMS

Salinity on Australian Farms, 2002 (cat. no. 4615.0) was released in December 2002. Information on salinity and land management was collected in the 2002 Land Management and Salinity Survey and the 2001 Agricultural Census, including data on: the extent of salinity; use of trees, crops, pastures and earthworks for salinity management; and factors influencing land management decisions on farms. For more information contact Bob Harrison on (02) 6252 7369,

email: bob.harrison@abs.gov.au.

Remote Access Data Laboratory

REMOTE ACCESS DATA LABORATORY

The Remote Access Data Laboratory (RADL) provides improved access to ABS microdata. The ABS now supports a range of methods for accessing microdata in the form of confidentialised unit record files (CURFs), including the newly-developed Remote Access Data Laboratory (RADL). The RADL allows approved clients access to extended CURF data at their desktop via a secure Internet link. Strengthened legal and administrative arrangements will also place greater responsibility on individual users to personally sign and observe the terms and conditions under which the microdata is disclosed. The 2001 National Health Survey will be the first CURF to be available through the RADL from late March 2003. For more information on the RADL contact Mike Jones on (02) 6252 5698, email: mike.jones@abs.gov.au.

NSW Demographic Statistics

NSW DEMOGRAPHIC STATISTICS

Population, Australian States and Territories - Electronic Publication, September Quarter 2002 (cat. no. 3239.0.55.001) was released in February 2003. It provides the final estimated resident population for NSW at June 2001 based on the 2001 Census, including revised estimates for Census net undercount, residents temporarily overseas on Census night, and revised interstate migration and net overseas migration statistics.

2001 Census NSW Data

2001 CENSUS NSW DATA

Census of Population and Housing: Urban Centres and Localities, New South Wales & Australian Capital Territories, 2001 (cat. no. 2016.1) due for release in March 2003. It contains selected 2001 Census person, family and dwelling characteristics for all Urban Centres and Localities within New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territories.

Crime and Safety

CRIME & SAFETY

Crime and Safety Survey, Australia, 2002 (cat. no. 4509.0) is due for release in June 2003. It contains summary data on household break-ins, attempted break-ins, motor vehicle theft, personal robberies, assaults and sexual assaults, in the 12 months prior to survey. It provides information on the most recent incident, including whether it was reported to the police, and offender information. Data are classified by demographic characteristics, some state and territory data are provided, and limited comparisons with the 1993, 1995, 1998 Crime and Safety Surveys. For more information email: crime.justice@abs.gov.au.

Prisoners

PRISONERS

Prisoners in Australia, 2002 (cat. no. 4517.0) was released February 2003. This annual publication contains a wide range of information on prisoners who were in custody on 30 June of the reference year. Topics include: number of people in correctional institutions; imprisonment rates; most serious offence and sentence length; prisoner characteristics (age, sex, Indigenous status); and type of prisoner. For more information contact Julie Cole on (03) 9615 7381, email: julie.cole@abs.gov.au.

Sexual Assault

SEXUAL ASSAULT

Information Paper: Sexual Assault Information Development Plan (cat. no. 4518.0) is a new publication due for release in April 2003. Contains an information development plan for data relating to sexual assault, and provides: a conceptual framework; identifies key policy issues and information needs; lists data sources available; identifies gaps in data; and proposes strategies to fill these gaps. For more information email: crime.justice@abs.gov.au.

Suicides

SUICIDES

Information Paper: Suicides, Australia, 2002 (cat.no. 3309.0.55.001) was released in February 2003. Using data derived from cause of death statistics, this new electronic-only publication provides an update on summary statistics for suicides registered in Australia in 2001. Data are presented by age and sex, method of suicide, and state or territory of usual residence. Numbers of deaths and standardised death rates for 1991 to 2001 are shown for comparison. For more information contact Chris Gordon on (02) 6252 7318, email: chris.gordon@abs.gov.au.

Exporters and Importers

EXPORTERS & IMPORTERS

International Merchandise Trade, Australia, December Quarter 2002 (cat. no. 5422.0),

features an article on 'Australia's Exporters and Importers'. It includes: an estimate of the total number of exporters and importers of goods and services in Australia; number of goods exporters by state of production of exports; and analysis by industry, value of exports/imports, size of business and export patterns. The article is available free on the ABS web site. For more information contact Christine McLaughlin on (02) 6252 5501, email: christine.mclaughlin@abs.gov.au.

Gambling Impact on Retail Trade

GAMBLING IMPACT ON RETAIL TRADE

Retail Trade, Australia, December 2002 (cat. no. 8501.0), features an article on the 'Contribution of Gambling to Retail Estimates'. It examines the impact on retail estimates of net proceeds received from licensed gambling activities in hotels and licensed clubs, including commission from TAB and Keno transactions in hotels and clubs, net takings from Bingo, net revenue received from poker machines and other electronic gaming machines. For more information contact Kate Bradbury on (02) 6252 5730, email: kate.bradbury@abs.gov.au.

Statistical Training

STATISTICAL TRAINING

The ABS NSW Statistical Consultancy Section is running a wide range of training courses throughout the year. Courses offered for the next few months include: Introduction to Statistics, 25-27 March; Turning Data into Information, 8-9 April; Basic Survey Design, 6-7 May; Introduction to Sampling, 3-4 June. For more information contact the Training Coordinator on (02) 9268 4653,

email: client.services@abs.gov.au.

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Selected Releases December 2002 to February 2003

SELECTED RELEASES DECEMBER 2002 TO FEBRUARY 2003

To order ABS publications please contact the ABS National Information & Referral Service on 1300 135 070.

1144.0 New	Directory of Mining Statistics - Electronic Publication, 2002 (\$45.00)	
1301.0	Year Book Australia, 2003 (\$86.00)	
2003.0 New	Census of Population and Housing: Time Series Community Profile, 2001	
	(\$10.00)	
2017.1	Census of Population and Housing: Selected Education and Labour Force	
	Characteristics for Statistical Local Areas, New South Wales and Jervis Bay,	
	2001 (\$37.00)	
3239.0.55.001 Population, Australian States and Territories - Electronic Publication,		
New	September 2002 Free	
3309.0.55.001 Information Paper: Suicides, Australia, 2002 Free		
New		
3311.1	Demography, New South Wales, 2001 (\$30.00)	
3318.0 New	Mortality Atlas, Australia, 1997 to 2000 (\$50.00)	
4213.0 New	Occasional Paper: Measuring Learning in Australia - A Framework for	
	Education	
	and Training Statistics, 2003 (\$10.00)	
4230.0 New	Education and Training Indicators, Australia, 2002 (\$36.00)	
4517.0	Prisoners in Australia, 2002 (\$25.00)	
4602.0	Environmental Issues: People's Views and Practices, March 2002 (\$28.00)	
4615.0 New	Salinity on Australian Farms, 2002 (\$24.00)	
4617.0 New	Environment by Numbers: Selected Articles on Australia's Environment, 2003	
	(\$41.00)	
4711.0	Occasional Paper: Hospital Statistics, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	
	Australians, 1999-2000 (\$28.00)	
6106.0.55.001	LInformation Paper: ABS Labour Market, Australia, 2003 Free	
New		
6297.0 New	Information Paper: Changes to Labour Force Survey Products, 2002 (\$10.00)	
7111.0.55.003 Principal Agricultural Commodities, Australia, Preliminary, 2001-02 (\$18.50)		
New		
7121.0	Agricultural Commodities, Australia, 2000-01 (\$22.00)	
8129.0	Business Use of Information Technology, 2001-02 (\$20.00)	

Selected Expected Releases March and April 2003

SELECTED EXPECTED RELEASES MARCH AND APRIL 2003

Release dates for publications can be obtained from the ABS web site. On the home page go to Products and Services, Release Advice.

2016.1	Census of Population and Housing: Selected Characteristics for Urban Centres	
	and Localities, New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory, 2001 (\$31.00)	
2047.0.30.001 Census for Schools, August 2001		
New		
3101.0	Australian Demographic Statistics, September Quarter 2002 (\$24.00)	
4159.0 New	General Social Survey, Australia, March-July 2002 (\$25.00)	
4402.0	Child Care, Australia, June 2002 (\$23.00)	
4518.0 New	Information Paper: Sexual Assault Information Development Plan, 2003	
	(\$10.00)	
4613.0	Australia's Environment: Issues and Trends, 2002 (\$40.00)	
4616.1 New	Domestic Water Use, New South Wales, October 2002 (\$19.50)	
4713.0	Population Characteristics, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 2001 (\$34.00)	
5679.0 New	Information Paper: Characteristics of Wage and Salary Earners in Regions of Australia, 1999-2000 (\$10.00)	
6227.0.55.001 Information Paper: Survey of Education and Work, Australia, March 2001,		
New	Confidentialised Unit Record File (\$10.00)	
8149.0	Human Resources in Science and Technology, Australia, 2001 (\$22.00)	
8155.0	Australian Industry, 2000-01 (\$24.00)	

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